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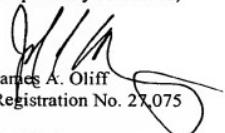
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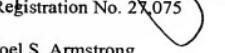
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- 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 5 is discussed in the present specification.
- 3. The references 1-6 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- 4. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

- 5. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 5 and 6 are attached hereto.
- 6. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese reference has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([http://www.jpo.go.jp]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 6.

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